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Fees on ice; students prefer galactic to provincial federation

Election result: Novij Zentral'nij Komitet

by Daily news staff

McGill students put a political outsider in the presidency of students' society, and took leave of a Québec student association during a brief encounter with ballot boxes last week.

A newcomer to students' society politics, arts student Jason Prince defeated current vp university affairs Rosalind Ward-Smith, of 21st Century fund fame, for the position of Students' Society president.

"Students have shown they want a more open and active council," said Prince.

"They've shown they want a council with an aggressive stance with the administration, one that can take stands on issues of quality of education, underfunding of universities and accessible education."

3507 students turned out in record numbers over the three-day voting period last week to elect a government and vote on several referendums. Turnout for the elections was the largest in years, with over 16 per cent of eligible voters casting ballots.

Students voted to pull out of FEUQ by a margin of 76 votes, ending McGill's three year relationship with the organization. Students had complained of FEUQ's lack of touch with the student body and were angered by FEUQ's conciliatory policy on tuition fee increases.

"We are finally released from the grasp of the FEUQ beast," said anthropologist student Brian Schnarch, who participated in the campaign to get students' society out of FEUQ.

"We have said no to government lackeys and yes to promoting a real grassroots student movement."

Others supporting membership with FEUQ complained about the campaign.

"There has been a lot of misinformation on campus about FEUQ," said Karla MacDonald, outgoing vp external. "This is mainly due to false information about FEUQ written in the *McGill Daily*."

Jeff Perceval, a moderate supporter of the Fédération des



Jason Prince, generalissimo.

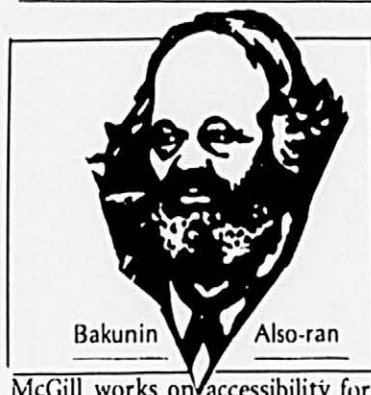
Etudiants Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ), defeated avowedly pro-FEUQ candidate Hélène Mathieu by a 160 vote margin. Mathieu has requested a recount.

Also elected to the executive were Monique Shebbeare as vp university affairs and Julie Dzerowicz as vp Internal. Susan Nickerson was acclaimed vp finance.

Access McGill succeeded in obtaining a \$2 levy from every student by a 82.3 per cent margin. Access



Jeff Perceval, comintern secretary.



Bakunin Also-ran

McGill works on accessibility for the physically challenged on campus.

Students also massively voted to have Students' Society adopt a policy opposing tuition fee increases and opposing membership in any organization which supports increases.

Almost 69 per cent of decided voters said students' society should oppose any new tuition fee hikes as well as "course material" charges.

The Union building has gone where no building has gone before.

Students voted to rename the 30-year old building after William Shatner, also known as elder *Star Trek* captain James T. Kirk.

In a fairly close result, 1582 (51 per cent) students voted in favour, 1355 (43.5 per cent) voted against, while 171 (5.5



Julie Dzerowicz, NKVD.

per cent) had no opinion.

Students voted to separate the

Students called liars; Irwin Gopnik "wounded"

Students, staff clash over fees in Senate

by Fiona McCaw

In a situation unprecedented for two decades, students united to vote against the vast majority of staff representatives in McGill's senate last Wednesday.

The vote followed fierce debate over the Student Services budget. Students said the budget, which contains a 2.5 per cent increase in student services fees, was brought to Senate before adequate consultation with student representatives.

Dean of Students Irwin Gopnik, who presented the budget to Senate, said although the student services budget contains increases in student fees, "In real dollars [the increase] is actually a decrease because of inflation."

He said students were consulted when the budget was drafted, and had plenty of time to view the budget.

"By November 26 [students] had a full, line by line representation of the budget," said Gopnik. He also noted the committee which wrote the budget had equal numbers of student and staff.

But graduate student representative Gavin Humphreys moved the budget be referred back to the Committee for the Coordination of Student Services (CCSS). He said consultation with students had been inadequate, and more time was needed to discuss the budget.

Students' Society President Scott Mitic spoke in favour of referring the budget. He said when a similar situation occurred last year, acting Dean of Students Lynn Butler-Kisber had assured Senate "It will never happen again."

Mitic added that the student representatives had been given only two days notice before the committee voted on the budget.

"The full and detailed consideration referred to by Dean Gopnik is, to say the least, somewhat suspect," said Mitic.

Dean of Medicine Richard Cruess spoke against the motion to

Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) into two organizations, the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) and the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).

The Engineering Undergraduate Society also held elections last week.

Mechanical Engineer Kevin Brodt was acclaimed as president, while Irene Makris, Kim Johnston Main, Sascha Zivic and Richard Day

were elected to the remaining executive positions.



Monique Shebbeare, agitprop.

refer the budget back to CCSS. He said Gopnik had an outstanding record of representing student concerns. "I think we should take [Gopnik] at his word," Cruess said. But senator Sam Noumoff responded that the issue was not the honesty of the Dean, but the need for extra consultation in drafting the budget.

"Somehow there is a certain *loco parentis* tone to all this," he added.

Restricted meetings

Grad students' society president Michael Temelini, who was granted speaking rights, stressed the lack of student consultation.

Temelini said the budget had been drafted in a restricted subcommittee meeting with no student members present. When grad submitted a proposal on ways to pay for student services without increasing fees, it was disregarded, he said.

Temelini added that student members on the committee were given only two days notice of the budget. They all voted against considering it, and all either voted against the budget or abstained during the vote, he said.

Gopnik said Temelini was lying. "For the first time in my seven

years of working with students I am confronted with outright untruths," said Gopnik. "I feel wounded that it happened at all."

"All meetings at McGill are open meetings unless they have been voted to be closed," Gopnik said in response to Temelini's allegations about closed meetings.

Gopnik reiterated that students had been consulted. He said when he spoke with Temelini, Temelini told him "that he didn't care about [the budget] as long as there was no increase in fees."

Temelini rose on a point of personal privilege.

"Could the dean please refrain from making statements without any factual basis?" he demanded.

When asked what problems referring the budget for later discussion would create, Gopnik said fee schedules might be late going to print. But he said he saw little need for referring the budget back to the committee.

"I'm always willing to talk, but there is nothing more to be said," said Gopnik.

Students voted unanimously in favour of referring the budget back to the committee, while the overwhelming majority of staff voted against. Senate then passed the budget, with all student reps abstaining or voting against.

After the budget passed, senator Michael DuBow said CCSS needed guidelines on communications between committee members. He moved Gopnik create a procedure for drafting the CCSS budget "that everyone can agree on" before Senate closes this year.

A united student vote against faculty was "almost unheard-of since back in the late 60s," Noumoff told the *Daily* after the meeting. He said senate should have called an

"COULD THE DEAN PLEASE REFRAIN FROM MAKING STATEMENTS WITHOUT ANY FACTUAL BASIS?"

emergency meeting to deal with the situation.

Noumoff also criticized senate's concern with possible administrative problems, remarking that senators were too willing to sacrifice democratic process in order to "keep the bureaucratic engine going."

More info on Senate: page 6.



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Staff, admin in conflict over equity study

by Leif R. Montin

"Adversarial."

It's the "simplest and most accurate" description of the relationship between non-academic staff and McGill administration, according to staff association president Trevor Garland.

The administration and the McGill University Non Academic Staff Association (MUNASA) are currently negotiating an agreement to jointly study pay equity for McGill's approximately 2200 non-academic staff members.

Pay equity refers to equal pay for work of equal value. The study will attempt to make gender-neutral assessments of dissimilar jobs.

Under Québec Treasury Board sponsorship, McGill has established a Pay Equity Working Committee. But MUNASA has yet to gain representation on the committee, which so far consists entirely of administration personnel.

"The administration has six full-time committee members, so we would like six full-time committee members also," said Garland. "This is the situation at the University of Montréal (where a similar study is being conducted)."

Eva Primavesi, McGill's Pay Equity Coordinator and co-chair of the committee, refused to comment

period of the study, so that the committee "can focus (its) energy" on the equity study.

According to Garland, unless this moratorium is lifted, McGill's routine procedure of evaluation and promotion will be interrupted, and many employees will suffer. He said

the regular evaluation procedure and the equity committee's evaluation were not mutually exclusive.

"Under the current system salary changes must be negotiated anyway — job classifications will simply become a part of the process," he said.

Finally, before MUNASA will join the committee, it wants assurances that there will be no reduction in the ceiling on salary raises, currently set at 40 per cent. Claiming other universities have a 20 per cent range, Primavesi said that altering the range "is a possibility".

Between 2200 to 2700 questionnaires must be evaluated during the study period. The study evaluates jobs by comparing common factors like skill, responsibility, effort, and working conditions.

The study must be completed by June next year.

Social housing sunk in Ottawa budget

by Mark Antaki

Wreaking havoc everywhere, the latest Tory budget slashed \$622 million from the national social housing program, and trashed funding and support for new housing co-operatives.

According to Michel Proulx of la Fédération des Coopératives d'Habitation de l'île de Montréal, the government seems to have "improvised" on its social housing policy.

"The Mulroney government is demolishing a 20-year legacy in social housing," he said. There are already 13 000 names on waiting lists for low-cost housing in Montréal alone, and these lists will only get longer, he said.

Over two years the budget for new social housing units has been cut by 61 per cent, amounting to \$1.2 billion since 1990.

For three days preceding the budget's reading, members of the housing and anti-poverty group FRAPRU, (Front d'Action Populaire en Réaménagement Urbain) camped on the Ottawa river, at the foot of the Parliament buildings, to protest cuts to social housing.

"We did not expect good news in the latest budget, but (Finance minister) Don Mazankowski's budget is shaping up to be a total disaster," said FRAPRU member Pierre Gaudreau in a press release.

In January, Finance minister Don Mazankowski wrote to Marcel Lefebvre, president of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, saying there would be "\$92 million to support new social housing commitments." But last month's budget provides only \$70 million to new social housing.

Provincially, 5000 new social housing units were begun in 1988. Next year only 1213 will be begun.

The government's most recent budget also eliminated the federal program for new co-operative housing starts. Existing cooperative units will continue to receive support from the federal government.

Analysts say the number of new co-operative housing units will decrease by almost 80 per cent in Québec this year. According to the Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation, the number of new co-operative housing units has already dropped 68 per cent in the last 6 years.

A 1990 study produced for the Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CHMC) argued the federal program for housing co-operatives fully attained its objectives. The CHMC administers the co-operative budget for the fed-

eral government.

But it seems Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CHMC) was kept in the dark about the cuts until the budget's reading.

In a letter dated six days before the budget, CHMC executive Elmer Mackay wrote to Mouvement Desjardins president Claude Béland confirming that the budget for the co-operative program would be maintained or even increased.

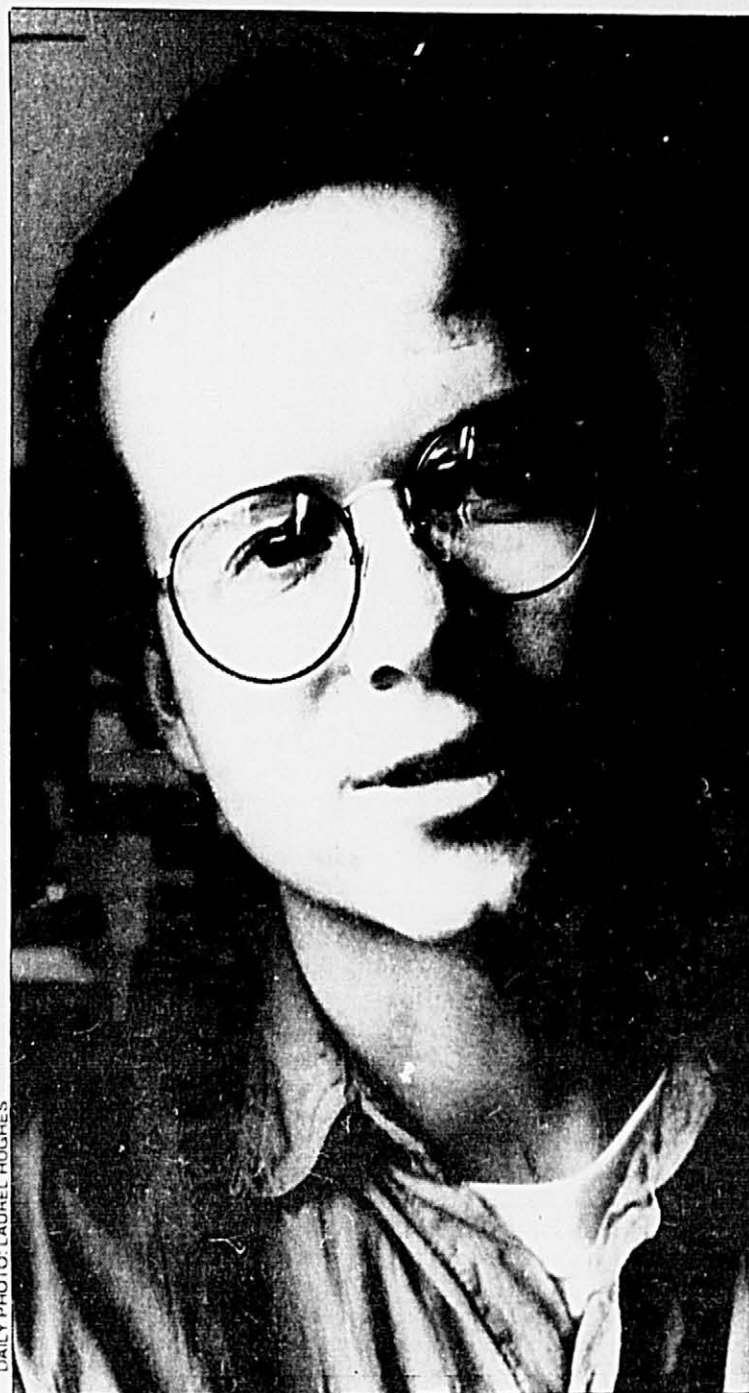
Housing co-operatives have been financially supported by the federal government for over three decades. Until this budget, the government guaranteed bank loans to new co-operatives and subsidized interest rates on these loans.

Housing co-operatives are maintained and managed democratically by members who lease the units at a monthly rate adjusted to their income. One half of all the federally sponsored co-operative housing units are reserved for low-income households.

The feds are not the only government to cut funds for social housing. Provinces are also slashing programs, or sitting back on their heels.

Proulx said the provincial government is not doing much to help social housing. Its program "Mon taux, mon toit", which gives buyers of newly-constructed homes lower mortgage rates, is not helping those who need it most. The program costs the government as much as \$70 million annually.

"The government is saving a billion dollars by phasing out capital gains exemptions on non-occupant homes," said Project Genesis member David Faguy. "Why not give some of that savings to social housing?"



Pierre Gaudreau, member of FRAPRU.

MCGILL MAY LOWER THE CEILING ON SALARY RAISES FOR WOMEN STAFF, ACCORDING TO MCGILL'S PAY EQUITY COORDINATOR.

on the administration's current committee membership policy.

The imbalance on the committee stems from the administration and MUNASA's inability to agree on starting principles for the study, according to Garland. MUNASA has refused to participate unless its preliminary conditions are met.

One of its most important conditions concerns salary freezes. The administration has stated there will be no salary cuts as a result of the study, but it has not guaranteed there will be no salary freezes should employees be found "overclassified".

Garland said McGill's non-academic employees are entitled to the same treatment as those at University of Montréal, where the administration has assured employees there will be no salary freezes.

McGill has also halted all regular job evaluations during the year-long

McGill rent scam at John Abbott

by Dani Colt

McGill has taken advantage of a recent expansion at a nearby college to siphon yet more money from the Québec government.

John Abbott college, an English CEGEP, rents buildings on McGill's West Island MacDonald campus. Recently the college has expanded to use part of a McDonald College building.

McGill is getting some money out of the move by charging John Abbott college rent at "market value".

VP Francois Tavenas said the expansion would allow McGill "to get an income which we can use to the best of our advantage."

In the past, John Abbott paid a measly \$1 per year in rent. In return for the low rent, the CEGEP renovated all the buildings they occupied. But rent in the new building is \$32 000 per year, according to John Mastropaolo, director of facilities at John Abbot.

"It's not a matter of John Abbot being squeezed into something unacceptable," said Tavenas. "The rent is

paid by the Québec government."

The deal was worked out after complex three-way negotiations between McGill, John Abbott College and the Québec government. Under the deal, Québec will pay John Abbott's new rent.

Mastropaolo said that the rent increase comes at a critical time, just when the College is facing budget cuts from the Québec government. But he claimed the increase will not affect students.

"The students are not going to pay the price — it is being paid by tax money," said Mastropaolo.

The College is also concerned that when the lease for John Abbot expires, the rest of the buildings will also be brought up to "market standards".

"The remainder of the lease expires in December 1998," said McGill's Tavenas. "At that time we will review (the situation) with the government, and come to an appropriate deal that protects the interests of McGill and serves the needs of the College."

McGill may need the money to pay for a new Shatner Building sign.

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LETTERS

Is BSN racist?

To the Daily:

Is it racist to ask that a professor of African descent teach the proposed Africana Studies Program? Once again, history repeats itself where we are asked to justify our agenda. For those who have difficulty understanding the necessity of an African professor, ask yourself this question: What is racism?

Racism occurs when one is able to activate his prejudices by systematically treating someone differently from others. BSN is hardly in the position to be racist! However, we are in the position to ask that a qualified and competent African assume the role as lecturer for this program.

And ask yourselves one more question: Who has the history of exercising racist policies? Let's place the term "racist" where it belongs.

Karen Livingstone
Arts U1

Not ignorance

To the Daily:

From the desk of a cowardly fool: Cuddled within Mr. Austin's abusive tirade is an age-old ploy of adherents of untenable ideas, namely, the contention that disagreement stems not from legitimate dissent, but from an insufficient understanding of the theories propounded.

In adopting this tactic, Mr. Austin joins the ranks of creationists, Freudians and Jehovah's Witnesses, all of whom persevere in their irrational beliefs despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

It was not ignorance of the "evidence" that fuelled my criticism of the Black History Issue, but exhaustive, and exhausting, familiarity with it. Pointing to the bibliography, even one

claims.

'Hollow Earth' enthusiasts also have a body of supporting literature, yet they don't get a special supplement to propound their absurd ideas and campaign for their inclusion in the geology department, or even better, a Hollow Earth studies program.

The reason for this is that unlike the BSN, creationists and UFO theorists do not have the very real and alarming social problem of racism and black poverty to exploit. Redressing these long-standing social ills will not come about through quasi-religious distortions of reality.

Emmanuel C. Bourbouhakis
Visiting Student,
History

Looking within Canada

To the Daily:

"Universities can go abroad to fill some teaching jobs."

I read with concern the above news item recently. I had believed there were not enough teaching positions and not that the jobs, if any, would be filled by non-Canadians.

The problem is that Canadian universities suffer from a Ph.D. dilemma. First, they insist that they will offer positions only to Ph.D. holders, and second, they are not willing to produce more Ph.D.s. This is a double wham. If they want only Ph.D.s to hold teaching positions, then of course they have to increase their intake of Ph.D. students.

Ironically, within Canada, there are a lot of people with experience who cannot obtain a full-time teaching position in a college, leaving aside in a university. In the case of colleges, it is said there are no jobs and in the case of universities it is said that a Ph.D. degree is mandatory. It appears that with this logic there is no weight given to experience whatsoever.

It is imperative that our educational leaders look within Canada to fill university teaching positions.

Mehdi A. Shallwani
Continuing Education

Shady procedures

To the Daily:

Three cheers for Alex Roslin for his piece in the *Daily* of Feb. 19th describing the murky details of how decisions are made at McGill, Canada's number one university if Maclean's is to be believed.

And it is not the first time that McGill has used subterfuge to promote one of its shining rightwing stars. Professor Antal Deutsch is one of the luminaries of a blue-eyed old boys' network.

Strange as it may seem the economics and political science departments take their turn in manufacturing scandals. The economics dept at McGill may have slid to the bottom of the Canadian academic totem pole. The poli sci dept is not well-known for justice and fair play in faculty appointments or promotions.

Unless you are an unquestioning supporter of Likud (Israel's salvation front) there is little chance you could hit it off with the Waller/Steinberg/Brecher mafia. And we are constantly reminded of Ayatollah Khomeini threatening our academic freedom! What is good in the service of Zionism is not good for any other ideology no matter how germane or popular it may be.

The doors to McGill are open only to those with the right name and right ideology. Some of us remember what happened to Pauline Villancourt, David Mandel, etc., who dared to challenge the sacred cow of Israel "Über alles".

McGill practises shady procedures in appointments or promotions not only in the academic realm, but this trait seeps down to the students' world and so-called non-academic sectors of the university. Many deserving candidates are passed over in favour of the protégés of the powerful at McGill.

Yours truly,

A. Shafaat
B. Comm.

Starting at McGill

To the Daily:

I feel it necessary to respond to an error made by Michael Rottmayer in the Council Briefs of February 17, 1992, regarding coming referendum questions. To clarify, the Access McGill

A YUPPIE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE DEMONSTRATES HIS CURRENT LEVEL OF OPTIMISM



LETTERS

Insulting the Creator

To the Daily:

Subject: Your review of Feb 20th of Gerhardie's book, page 6.

I realise the *Daily* has no respect for the religious sensibilities of many of us who are still "backward and of closed minds". Our fault is that we persist in believing that there is a Supernatural Being for whom we hold infinite love and respect.

Maybe the people at the *Daily* have even lost all sense of decency that you used such an offensive headline for the book review. You are entitled to your own notion of Godlessness. But do not foist this kind of obscene headline on others who read your paper.

Or are you so arrogantly insensitive that you would not even admit that this has offended many on the campus? Surely the declared policy of the *Daily* is not to use any racially motivated articles, etc.

But who has given you the right to insult our Creator in such an infantile manner? It seems to me that Rushdism has become the new creed of the liberated mind of the west. All this in the name of irresponsible exercise of freedom of expression!

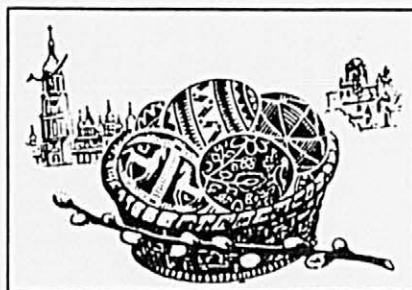
I expected better from university students.

Your disgusted reader,

S. Naseer

McLennan Library

Ed. Note: The headline in question was "God bites man and pleads guilty".



so authoritative as to include pseudo-activist thugs Hewy Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, hardly amounts to a validation of the BSN's unfounded



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New map of arctic controversial

The political map of the Arctic may soon be dramatically redrawn by a new land claims agreement between the Inuit of Nunavut and the federal government. The agreement, signed last December, calls for the creation of a new Nunavut Territory.

But critics of the agreement say the Inuit of Nunavut are sacrificing their aboriginal title to land in return for very little compensation. And the federal government, they suggest, may be using the agreement to play "divide and conquer" among First Nations.

by Noah Quastel

The Inuit of the North West Territories have spent years negotiating a land claims agreement with the federal government and have pushed for the creation of a separate territory.

Under the Nunavut agreement, the Inuit will receive land title to 350 000 square kilometers of land, roughly one fifth of the lands covered by the Nunavut agreement. They will also receive \$580 million over a period of 14 years.

In exchange, the government gets secure title to over 1.5 million square kilometres, and the Inuit's aboriginal title is extinguished.

"The government is making out like bandits," said McGill Geography professor George Wensell, who studies Inuit and Northern affairs. "Six hundred million is a great price for that kind of real estate."

New Territory

The accord also commits the federal government to support, in principle, the creation of a new Nunavut Territory. Boundaries for this Territory were

The federal government will retain control over lands, natural resources and taxation.

Currently the federal government supplies roughly three-quarters of the territorial budget. Federal control over the territories has long been criticized for restricting local autonomy and controlling finances.

The agreement does not provide for native self-government. But the Tungavik Federation, the Inuit organization which negotiated the agreement, said the proposed territory would give the Inuit greater powers, because they form a voting majority within its boundaries.

"We're advocating for public government," Jack Capeuna, Vice President of the Tungavik Federation, told the *Daily*. "Our ambition is for a government where all groups — native, white or other — can participate, vote, and run as MLA's."

Some suggest the proposal will be much more effective in the North than it would be in the South. "It is not the same type of situation as reserves in the south,"

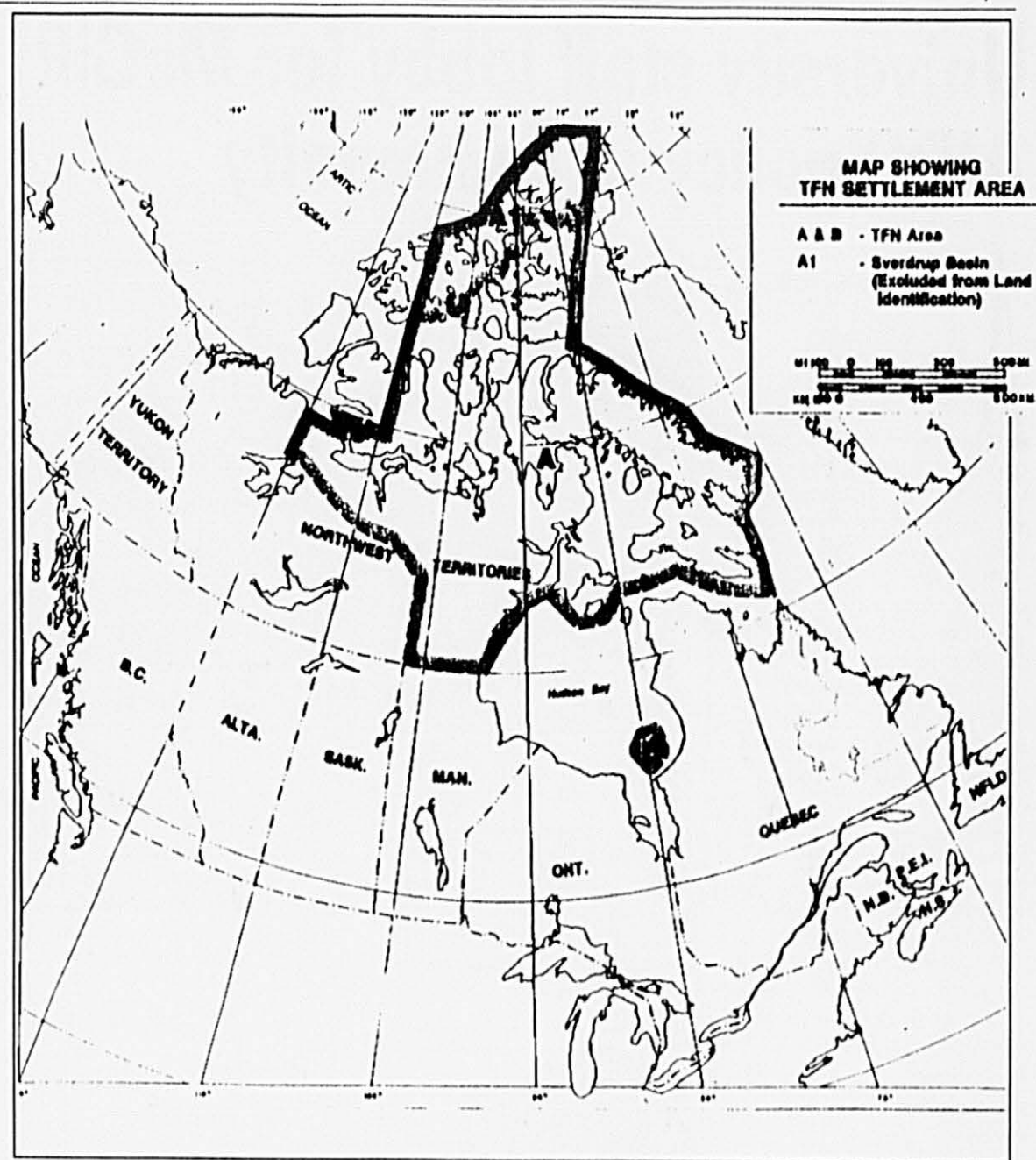
Wensell said. "In the South you have very small non-native membership in the community, so it's

easier to contemplate self-government."

Loss of self government

Other First Nations groups are concerned about the agreement. Ovide Mercredi, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said the Inuit will lose any chance for self-government once the agreement is passed.

Others worry the federal gov-



ernment will model future aboriginal title negotiations after the Nunavut agreement.

"The federal government will use this claims agreement as a flagship for its outdated policy," said Dene National Chief George Erasmus in a press release. Past federal governments have emphasized assimilation of Natives into mainstream society. To this end land claims have been ignored and extinguished, and self-government denied.

"The government continues to insist on extinguishment of aboriginal title as the keystone of land-claim settlements," said Mercredi. "It is doing so in this settlement."

Capeuna disagreed. "We have not extinguished self-government," he said. "The natives' concern with the Canadian government is their own. It is an appropriate deal for us, and they should not be threatened."

Overstepping their boundaries

But the agreement is already causing difficulties for other nations.

First Nations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are challenging the legality of the agreement. In Saskatchewan the Prince Albert Tribal Council claims the Dene have rights to 24 000 square kilometres north of the 60th parallel in the Nunavut claim area.

"The federal Crown is making a very serious attempt to have one First Nation at the throat of another First Nation. That is not our way of doing business," Prince Albert Tribal Council Chief A. J. Felix told the *Windspeaker*, a First Nations newspaper. The Council is asking the courts to delay the Nunavut land claims agreement until the Dene claimed lands are removed.

The federal government's official position is that these groups surrendered their claim under treaty, allowing the federal government to do as it likes with these lands.

The Tungavik Federation agrees with the federal government. "[The Dene] already gave up their title years ago," Capeuna said. "They cannot say that the Tungavik Federation claim is wrong."

But a coalition of Northwest Territories groups

may actively oppose the May plebiscite because boundaries issues remain unresolved. The Dene, for example, have publicly stated they will not support a plebiscite until boundary lines are renegotiated.

"The real problem is with the federal government that imposed this boundary without our consent," Erasmus said.

Hunting and fishing rights are also important in the Dene claims. Because the Inuit will have outright ownership of lands in areas claimed by the Dene, resource harvesting will be prohibited to non-Inuit, Erasmus said.

Capeuna said the Tungavik Federation will allow any group to continue to hunt on traditional grounds. "Other groups can still hunt by traditional methods on their traditional lands," he said.

But he added, "if they are hunting in our area they must follow our Wildlife Management laws, the same as we must do when we go to hunt in Saskatchewan and Manitoba."

Improvement

Despite the problems, the new agreement may improve the living situation of Inuit in the area. Forming a majority in the territory will be important for the Inuit.

Members of the negotiating Tungavik Federation of Nunavut felt one of the strongest components would be the equal representation of the Inuit on joint government — Inuit management boards including a Wildlife Management Board, a Water Board, environmental assessment boards and planning boards.

Wensell emphasized the importance of the joint management boards. "Ecological wildlife management means managing the people who use the wildlife," he said. "The control is significant especially for people who see wildlife harvesting as an indigenous right," Wensell added.

"This is a step away from the heavy handed colonialism that has pervaded Inuit-state relations up to now," professor Wensell commented.

"The real problem is with the federal government that imposed this boundary without our consent,"

— George Erasmus

included in the agreement.

The division was ratified in principle by territory-wide plebiscite in 1982. The boundary proposal will go to a Northwest Territories-wide plebiscite this May. If the new boundaries are approved, Ottawa will prepare legislation to create Nunavut in the fall.

The powers of Nunavut Territory will be identical to those of the current Northwest Territories.

University staff lobby for McGill AIDS policy in community

by Elizabeth Caley

A group of McGill employees are lobbying McGill to adopt a policy for dealing with HIV positive employees.

The group is soliciting support from various organisations on campus, in an effort to give AIDS patients more of a sense of community and prevent harassment. The new policy will be presented in the Senate later this year.

Raynald LePage, president of Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM), initiated the move to create an AIDS policy.

LePage said the policy would create a support system for HIV positive people.

"We want to open venues to people," said LePage. "We need to create a link so people won't be caught in their solitude."

Dr. Pierre-Paul Tellier of McGill Student Health Services feels drafting a policy would be inadequate to address the needs of HIV positive people.

"A policy is just a piece of paper," said Tellier.

"We cannot plan because the needs vary from each individual case."

Tellier said McGill is well-equipped to deal with AIDS or HIV positive patients. McGill Student Health services offers most medical tests required by HIV positive people.

If patients want emotional support, Health Services refers them to either psychiatrists or the counselling department.

They give information about off-campus resources as well as group support sessions through organizations or individual therapists in Montréal.

Support network

LePage's ideal policy would provide a network of qualified people, throughout McGill to be available for anyone needing information about AIDS or support services. LePage said this type of personal contact would help people using the services and in the long run save money for McGill and the government.

Cases of harassment or discrimination against HIV-positive staff or students currently fall under McGill's general harassment policy.



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LePage said there is a wide-spread fear of open rejection if a person openly says s/he is HIV positive.

"That is a form of oppression," said LePage.

If an AIDS policy is created, part

perimental, they are not all covered under Quebec medicare.

McGill examines new medications with their insurance company to decide what will be covered financially.



WHEN APPLYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. Asked if this rule HAD ANYTHING to do with AIDS, AN industry SPOKESMAN REPLIED, "AIDS?"

of the implementation task would lie with the counselling services department.

Dr. Ted Baker, the director of this department confesses he hasn't thought much about the issue.

"But if the Dean of Students' office brought it up, I would like to have input in the making of the policy," says Baker.

Currently, AIDS and other fatal illnesses are covered together by McGill's health benefits policies. Rodolfo Narvaez, personnel officer of the Health Benefits department said a specific AIDS policy could create difficulties.

"The current provisions don't specify AIDS. It would be difficult to have a specific policy for each illness," said Narvaez.

HIV-positive staff get the same six month short-term disability benefits and access to counselling as staff with other fatal illnesses.

The only noteworthy difference is in coverage of medications. Because many medications used in the treatment of AIDS are new and ex-

FEUQ raises eyebrows abroad for taking gov't money

by Ita Kendall

MONTREAL (CUP) — The FEUQ student federation may be expelled from an international student group if its willingness to take government money is challenged.

The Fédération des Etudiants Universitaires du Québec (FEUQ) gets a \$66 000 special Québec government bursary available only to national student organizations to pay their executive salaries.

Québec's other national student organization, ANEEQ, refuses to accept the bursary.

The International Union of Students (IUS) constitution forbids member organizations to accept government monies if the cash jeopardizes their autonomy. FEUQ was admitted into the IUS at the January 1992 congress in Cyprus.

"At the time (of the congress), I didn't know about the money FEUQ was taking from the Québec government," said Allison Lewis, vice-chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, and newly-elected head of the IUS's women's division.

She said that if she had known about the bursary, she would have raised the issue at the debate on granting FEUQ membership to the IUS.

FEUQ's request for admission to the IUS was evaluated by the organization's constitutional committee and then debated at the congress. Autonomy of members is especially important, since the organization spent the last four years working on the constitution trying to strengthen the IUS, Lewis said.

Giorgos Michealides, IUS general secretary, who spoke to Ita from his office in Prague, Czechoslovakia, said he didn't know about the money FEUQ gets from Québec. But he said FEUQ's decision to take the bursary, coupled with their track record, could lead to questions about their membership.

"If, along with the money, there is the coincidence of their decisions coinciding with government decisions, one would have to question their autonomy," said Michealides.

FEUQ has been criticised for recently backing the Québec government's decision to raise tuition fees.

But FEUQ president Nicolas Plourde said he doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

"If the government would think, even one year, of pulling the bursary, it would be unacceptable," said Plourde. "They wouldn't do it because we would call a press conference and they would be condemned."

The IUS would also have to look at how FEUQ is run in the event of complaint, said Michealides.

"We would also have to check how decisions are made in the organization and on the paid executive's influence," said Michealides.

According to Plourde, FEUQ's executive has absolutely no influence in decisions made by the federation.

"I don't make any decisions. I get a mandate from the board of directors, which meets once a month," he said.

SENATE BRIEFS

Senate meets periodically to discuss matters concerning the campus and the academic wonderworld. The body next meets Wednesday, March 25th, at 14h30 in Leacock 232. Meetings are open to the public.

You might be surprised, but you have representatives to this deciding body and can use these individuals as you may.

Senate met last Wednesday. Here are briefs. See page 1 for more on the meeting.

Oops! Conflict of interest

Graduate Studies and Research Dean Roger Prichard encouraged Senate members to remove a representative of Martlet Trust from the Joint Senate-Board of Governors Committee for Technology Transfer.

The committee was created this year with the mandate to "review and develop the role of the Martlet Trust in promoting university-industry interactions."

Martlet Trust is the private corporation through which McGill raises research funding.

Prichard pointed out that having a representative of Martlet Trust on the committee that reviews Martlet Trust was a conflict of interest.

PGSS rep to Senate proposed

Graduate student senator Gavin Humphreys moved that Senate offer a seat for a representative of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS). The PGSS represents over 4500 masters and doctorate students on campus.

Humphreys justified the need for a representative from PGSS, citing the 1991 split between PGSS and Students' Society, and the report of the Task Force of Priorities and Planning which called for increased numbers of grad students on campus to the expense of undergrads.

Dean of Medicine Richard Cruess moved to table Humphreys' motion, saying that as a new PGSS representative would "affect the balance of Senate," the proposal needed consideration by a committee.

The motion to table passed.

Proposed Purchase of D'Arcy McGee High School

Humphreys also presented a PGSS proposal for McGill to purchase the D'Arcy McGee High School building for use as a residence for "students with special needs such as single parent families, physically challenged students and mature students." Humphreys said the residence would be divided into "self-contained apartments" and would not require food services.

Humphreys added that the residence would be more accessible to physically challenged students than existing residences because it is relatively close to McGill and not at the slopes of Mont-Royal.

Humphreys moved that the proposal be referred to the Committee on Physical Development and that the committee report back to Senate by the end of May.

The motion passed.

— by Fiona McCaw

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Politically Incorrect Productions' *Isaak's Fables* and *The Fast Lane* shown for CKUT fundraising drive. At Cinema Parallele, 3682 St. Laurent, 20h00; admission \$5.

Last day for nominations for executive positions for the Arab Student Association. Office hours 14h00 to 16h00.

CompLit lecture "Inscriptions of failure in European Performance: The work of Pina Bausch and William Forsythe" by Prof Heidi Gilpin, Dramaturg from the Frankfurt Ballet. At the faculty lounge, room 116, Peterson Hall, at 16h30.

Women's Union Meeting 17h00, Union (Luxembourg) Building 423. If you plan on getting involved next year - start looking at a position now!

Important meeting of the McGill Medical Fraternity, 15h30, Union (Madonna) Building 310. Food and refreshments served, all students welcome.

Safety auditors check out campus

by Fiona McCaw

Students and staff participated Tuesday in a safety audit of McGill Campus.

Teams of volunteers combed over the campus grounds for two and a half hours in the late afternoon, evaluating the interior and exterior of buildings for safety risks.

"It's a double sensitivity exercise," said Walk-Safe coordinator Kelly Gallagher-MacKay who helped organise the audit.

"We aim to make people knowledgeable about the risks, and to sensitise them to what is perceived as risks and to how risks affect women's behaviour."

The teams of four volunteers included two students, a staff member who works in the area being surveyed, and a representative from the Physical Plant.

Each team surveyed a specific area of Campus for safety risks. Participants followed a checklist which highlighted women's subjective reactions to different areas.

"We're really trying to legitimize women's perceptions of space," said Associate Dean of Students Lynn Butler-Kisber.

Also included on the checklist were questions about lighting, visibility, and accessibility of help.

Information from the audit will be compiled into a report which should be ready by Mid-May, according to Butler-Kisber.

Recommendations on McGill campus safety will be made on the basis of this report.

Butler-Kisber said there were no definite plans for what to do after the report was compiled. "We're pretty flexible as to the next step," said Butler-Kisber.

Gallagher-MacKay was optimistic that improving campus safety would help deal with the problem of



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Hazardous area: Stairs to Gardner Hall.

sexual assault. "We don't think this is going to stop sexual assault, but it will stop the opportunity for sexual assault," said Gallagher-MacKay. "And sexual assault is a crime of opportunity."

The safety audit procedure was designed by the Metro Action Committee against Violence against Women and Children, who have overseen audits at fifteen universities, the cities of Kitchener Waterloo and the Toronto Public Transit System.

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The following amendments to the PGSS Constitution will be presented, debated and shall receive final approval by a two-thirds majority of the voting regular members present at the meeting:

1. Article 12:

ADD:

6. a) If a motion is approved as in Section 5, then the Vice-President Administration shall consult a translator to obtain a French translation of the Bylaw amendment as passed by Council.

b) The Vice-President Administration shall forward this translation to Council. Council shall then debate and consider the translation of the Bylaw amendment and its insertion into the French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws. Approval of the motion to insert the translation of the Bylaw amendment into the French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws shall require a simple majority of Council.

2. Article 13:

Renumber section 6 and 7 as 7 and 9.

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3. Renumber Article 14, 15 and 16 as 15, 16 and 17 ADD:

Article 14: French Translation

1. There shall be a French translation of the current version of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Post-Graduate Students' Society, referred to in this document as the French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws.

2. The French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be updated from time to time as specified in Articles 12 and 13.

3. The French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws should be amended at any time in order to better reflect the meaning of the Constitution by a motion of Council or of an Annual or General Meeting requiring a simple majority for approval.

4. There shall be three permanent copies of the French translation of the Constitution and Bylaws as amended, one held by the Executive, one by the Constitution Committee, and one by the Speaker.

4. Article 15 ADD:

3. Council may seek the opinion of the Constitution Committee on the wording of the French translation

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